

SASKATCHEWAN  
NEW DEMOCRATIC PARTY

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CONSTITUTION

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## **ARTICLE 1**

### **NAME AND PURPOSE**

- 1.1 The name of the organization shall be the Saskatchewan New Democratic Party, hereinafter referred to as "the Party".
- 1.2 The Party shall constitute a section of the New Democratic Party of Canada.
- 1.3 The purpose of the Party shall be to promote through political action and other appropriate means the establishment of a co-operative commonwealth in which the principle regulating production and exchange will be the supplying of human needs and not the making of profits.
- 1.4 The Party shall be controlled and directed by its members.
- 1.5 In any matter not dealt with by this Constitution, the Constitution of the New Democratic Party of Canada shall prevail.
- 1.6 Words in this Constitution denoting the masculine gender shall be deemed to include the feminine gender; words in the singular shall be deemed to include the plural and words in the plural shall be deemed to include the singular unless the contrary intention appears.

## **ARTICLE 2**

### **MEMBERSHIP**

- 2.1 Membership shall be available to individuals and organizations.
- 2.2 Any person who undertakes to abide by the constitution and principles of the Party and who is not a member or supporter of any other political party may be accepted as an individual member of the Party.
- 2.3 All applications for new membership or renewed membership, along with the prescribed fee shall be sent to either the Provincial Office or Federal Office of the New Democratic Party. The Provincial Office shall issue a membership card. In order to be accepted as a member in good standing of the Saskatchewan Section, all membership applications submitted to the Federal Office must meet the criteria for membership in the Saskatchewan section.
- 2.4 Applications for new membership and renewed membership shall be accepted by the Provincial Office unless the Constituency Executive or the Provincial Executive requests, in writing, that the Chief Executive Officer withhold the membership. Any person denied membership under this section shall have the right to appeal as provided for by Article 19.
- 2.5 Every individual member shall be a member of the Constituency Association in the

provincial or federal constituency where they reside. A Member of the Legislative Assembly or nominated candidate may request their membership and those of their immediate family be held in the constituency which they represent. Should the nominated candidate or MLA be defeated in a provincial election they may continue to hold their transferred membership until such time as a new candidate is nominated to represent that constituency; at which time, transferred memberships will revert to the constituency of residence. A Constituency Assistant hired by the Member to work in their Constituency Office may request their membership and those of their immediate family be held in the constituency in which they work.

- 2.6 Members in good standing shall have the right:
- (a) to be a member of the Constituency Association in their constituency of residence, subject to Article 2.5;
  - (b) to speak freely and openly and vote at the general meetings of their constituency association and any other New Democratic Party clubs or organizations in which they may be a member;
  - (c) to stand for election as a delegate to any Party Convention or Council representing their Constituency Association;
  - (d) to vote at a meeting held for the purpose of nominating a candidate for their Constituency Association;
  - (e) to stand for election as a member of the Executive of their Constituency Association;
  - (f) to seek nomination as a candidate for a Federal or Provincial Constituency Association;
  - (g) to stand for election as an Officer of the Party; and
  - (h) to propose amendments to the program of the Party and amendments to the Constitution.
- 2.7 No person shall be eligible to act as an Officer of the Party, or as a member of the Provincial Council, or Constituency Executive, or as a delegate to any convention unless that person is an individual member of the Party whose membership is in good standing.
- 2.8 Membership fees shall be fixed by the Provincial Convention.
- 2.9 Affiliated membership shall be open to trade unions, farm groups, co-operatives and other appropriate organizations which by official act undertake to accept and abide by the constitution and principles of the Party, and are not affiliated with any other political party.
- 2.10 An application for affiliated membership may be received from a local, regional or provincial organization in Saskatchewan or from the Saskatchewan section of a national or international organization in respect of its membership in Saskatchewan, or from a local, lodge or branch in Saskatchewan of any such organization.
- 2.11 Application for affiliation shall be made to the Provincial Council and shall not be accepted until approved by Provincial Council.

- 2.12 The per capita fee for affiliated organizations shall be twenty-five cents per member per month.
- 2.13 Any member of an affiliated organization may, at any time, notify their organization in writing that they do not wish a per capita payment to be made on their behalf, and the organization shall forthwith cease to make such payment.
- 2.14 Any individual eligible for membership in the Party may purchase a Lifetime Membership, which provides the full rights of regular membership in the Party. The fee for Lifetime Memberships shall be set by Provincial Council. See Lifetime Election Fund, article 18.

### **ARTICLE 3 PROVINCIAL CONVENTION**

- 3.1 The Annual Provincial Convention shall be the governing body of the Party and shall have the power to alter or amend the Constitution and program.
- 3.2 The Provincial Convention shall be held annually at the call of the Provincial Executive.
- 3.3 At least 60 days notice of the date and place of the Convention shall be given to each Provincial Constituency Association and each organization entitled to representation.
- 3.4 The following members shall be seated as delegates:
  - (a) the members of the Provincial Council;
  - (b) the Members of Parliament from Saskatchewan;
  - (c) the Members of the Legislative Assembly for Saskatchewan;
  - (d) those candidates who are nominated for provincial or federal constituencies;
  - (e) twelve delegates from each Provincial Constituency, elected pursuant to the by-laws appended hereto; and when membership in a constituency exceeds 500 members, an additional delegate for each 50 members or major portion thereof above 500 members. For the purpose of representation, membership in good standing shall be calculated as at the end of the previous membership year, or as at 60 days prior to the Convention, whichever is greater;
  - (f) one delegate for each affiliated organization for the first 100 affiliated members or less, and one delegate for each additional 100 members or major portion thereof;
  - (g) one delegate for each regional body and two from each provincial body composed of affiliated organizations, and not eligible for direct affiliation to the Party, providing such bodies officially undertake to abide by the constitution and principles of the Party and have been recognized by the Provincial Council pursuant to Article 2.11;
  - (h) the members of the executive of the Saskatchewan Young New Democrats to a maximum of ten;
  - (i) one delegate for every fifty members or less, and an additional delegate for each

- additional fifty members or major fraction thereof of each chartered youth club in Saskatchewan, chartered at least 30 days prior to Convention;
- (j) the members of the executive of the Saskatchewan New Democratic Women to a maximum of ten; and
  - (k) the members of the executive of the Indigenous New Democrats of Saskatchewan to a maximum of ten; and
  - (l) the members of the Executive of the Rainbow Pride Committee to a maximum of ten;
  - (m) the members of the Executive of the Cultural Diversity Committee to a maximum of ten; and
  - (n) all past Leaders of the Saskatchewan New Democratic Party.
- 3.5 In the election of delegates pursuant to Article 3.4 (e), the Provincial Constituency Associations shall ensure gender parity and that two of the delegates elected be youth delegates. Should the Annual Meeting of the Constituency Association or the Convention delegate selection meeting of the Constituency Association fail to meet this provision, the Constituency Association President shall apply to the President for an exemption from this Article.
- 3.6 Resolutions, except those submitted by the Provincial Council, must be received by the Chief Executive Officer not less than 30 days prior to the Convention and may be submitted by:
- (a) a Provincial Constituency Association, an affiliated organization, any organization entitled to representation; and
  - (b) the Provincial Council.
- 3.7 Emergency resolutions may be submitted to the Convention Resolutions Committee for presentation to the Convention. An emergency resolution shall be presented to the Convention Resolutions Committee no less than 24 hours before the time set on the agenda for emergency resolutions. An emergency resolution shall be defined as a resolution of an urgent or pressing nature on an issue that emerged after the convention resolution deadline. The Convention shall rule by 75% vote on whether the resolution is an emergency and only those resolutions deemed emergency resolutions may be placed before the Convention.
- 3.8 The Convention shall be called to order by the President, and the Convention shall then appoint a Convention Chair and Vice-Chair, a Credentials Committee, a Resolutions Committee and such other committees as the Convention may decide to elect or appoint.
- 3.9 The business of the Provincial Convention shall be:
- (a) to receive and pass upon the audited financial statement of the Party;
  - (b) to receive and pass upon a report from the directors of the Co-operative Commonwealth Fund;
  - (c) to hold a review vote of the current leader;
  - (d) to elect a President and six Vice-Presidents subject to Article 5.3;
  - (e) to elect a Treasurer subject to Article 5.3;

- (f) to receive and pass upon resolutions pertaining to the organization and program of the Party; and
  - (g) to receive and pass upon amendments to this Constitution.
- 3.10 Any person may register as a visitor to the Provincial Convention. Visitors shall have no vote, but on approval of Convention, shall have voice.
- 3.11 Convention fees shall be set by the Provincial Council.
- 3.12 One-third of the registered delegates shall constitute a quorum.
- 3.13 The Convention shall be governed by the Convention Standing Rules of Order and in the matters not there ordered, by Bourinot's Rules of Order.

#### **ARTICLE 4 THE LEADER**

- 4.1 The Leader of the Party shall be elected by a vote of all members of the party in good standing.
- 4.2 At every Convention that is not a Leadership Convention a secret ballot vote (the review vote) will be held among Convention delegates to determine whether or not a leadership election should be called. If 50% plus one delegate supports the calling of a leadership election, such an election will be held within one year of the Convention vote.
- 4.3 If a leadership contest is requested by convention, an Interim Leader shall be elected at a joint meeting of the Members of the Legislature and the Provincial Council immediately following the Convention where the leadership review vote was held.
- 4.4 Should the permanent Leader resign from the position, or the position of Leader otherwise become vacant, an Interim Leader shall be elected at a joint meeting of the Members of the Legislature and the Provincial Council.
- 4.5 Should the permanent Leader resign from the position, or the position of Leader otherwise become vacant, a majority of the eligible voting members of Provincial Council shall set the rules for a Leadership Convention. All members of the party in good standing will be eligible to vote in that Leadership Convention for the purpose of electing a permanent Leader.
- 4.6 Any person serving as Interim Leader shall exercise the powers and responsibilities of the Leader until a new permanent Leader has been selected by the results of a Leadership Convention.
- 4.7 Any member of the party in good standing is eligible to be a candidate for permanent Leader subject to the rules of the Leadership Convention as determined by the Provincial

Council.

## **ARTICLE 5 PROVINCIAL EXECUTIVE**

- 5.1 The Officers of the Party shall be elected pursuant to this Constitution and shall be:
- (a) the Leader;
  - (b) the President;
  - (c) the six Vice-Presidents, who shall be elected in accordance with Article 5.3(b);
  - (d) the Treasurer.
- 5.2 The Provincial Executive shall be composed of:
- (a) the Officers pursuant to Article 5.1;
  - (b) the Past President for one year after s/he ceases to be President;
  - (c) five members elected at large by and from the Provincial Council;
  - (d) one member elected by and from the Saskatchewan Young New Democrats;
  - (e) one of the three Members of the Legislative Assembly serving on the Provincial Council pursuant to Article 6.1 (k) shall also be designated to be a member of the Provincial Executive by the Caucus;
  - (f) one member elected by and from the S.N.D.W. who shall be one of the members of the Provincial Council as provided in Article 6.1 (e) and (f);
  - (g) one member elected by and from the Indigenous New Democrats of Saskatchewan who shall be one of the members of the Provincial Council as provided in Article 6.1 (g) and (h);
  - (h) one member elected by and from the Rainbow Pride Committee, who shall be one of the members of the Provincial Council as provided in Article 6.1 (i) and (j);
  - (i) one member elected by and from the Cultural Diversity Committee, who shall be one of the members of the Provincial Council as provided in Article 6.1(m);
  - (j) the President of the New Democratic Party of Canada where he or she is a member of the Saskatchewan Section; and
  - (k) one member elected by and from the Saskatchewan Members of Parliament.
- 5.3
- (a) In the election of all Officers, due regard shall be paid to the principles of gender parity and regional representation, and this provision shall be brought to the attention of delegates at the time of balloting.
  - (b) In the election of the six Vice-Presidents, four will be elected for two year alternating terms, where two vice presidents will be each elected in alternating years by all of the delegates present and voting at Provincial Convention. One shall be elected by and from members of the Saskatchewan Young New Democrats in a Caucus Meeting held during Provincial Convention. One shall be elected by and from convention delegates who are members of the Labour Caucus in a Caucus meeting held during Provincial Convention.
  - (c) In the election of the President and Treasurer, they will be elected for two year alternating terms, where each will be elected in alternating years by all of the



- delegates present and voting at Provincial Convention.
- (d) In the election of Five Members at Large from Council, they will be elected for two year alternating terms, where three Members are elected in one year and two are elected in the following year by all of the members of council at a council meeting.
- 5.4 A Member of Parliament or a Member of the Legislative Assembly may not stand for election for any Executive position elected at Convention. A member of the Provincial Executive elected as a Member of Parliament or as a Member of the Legislature during their term may complete their Executive term.
- 5.5 The Chief Executive Officer shall be the chief administrative officer of the Party appointed by the Provincial Executive.
- 5.6 The Provincial Executive shall meet at least bi-monthly at the call of the President.
- 5.7 Special meetings of the Provincial Executive may be held at the call of the President and shall be held upon the request in writing of three members of the Provincial Executive.
- 5.8 The quorum for the Provincial Executive shall be one-third of its members.
- 5.9 The Provincial Executive shall conduct the affairs of the Party in accordance with the policies of the Provincial Convention and the Provincial Council.
- 5.10 The Provincial Executive may establish such administrative and executive committees as it sees fit to carry out its duties.
- 5.11 Should the office of President become vacant between Conventions, the Provincial Council shall elect one of the Vice-Presidents to fill the vacancy until the end of the term.
- 5.12 Should any other office become vacant between Conventions, such vacancies shall be filled by the Provincial Council.
- 5.13 The term of any member of the Provincial Executive shall be terminated when such member ceases to be a resident of Saskatchewan except for a member that is elected as a Member of Parliament during their term of office.

## **ARTICLE 6**

### **PROVINCIAL COUNCIL**

- 6.1 The Provincial Council shall be composed of:
- (a) the Provincial Executive;
  - (b) two Provincial Council Delegates elected by and from each Provincial Constituency Association, one of whom shall be a female and one of whom shall

be a male, and who shall be elected for two-year terms with the terms overlapping so that one new councillor is elected each year;

- (c) those members of the Federal Council resident in Saskatchewan who are not otherwise members of the Provincial Council;
  - (d) three members elected by and from the Saskatchewan Young New Democrats;
  - (e) two members elected by and from the S.N.D.W.;
  - (f) the Chair of the S.N.D.W.;
  - (g) two members elected by and from the Indigenous New Democrats of Saskatchewan;
  - (h) the Chair of the Indigenous New Democrats of Saskatchewan;
  - (i) the Chair of the Rainbow Pride Committee;
  - (j) two members elected by and from the Rainbow Pride Committee;
  - (j) three members elected by and from the Members of the Legislative Assembly;
  - (k) one member elected by and from the Saskatchewan Members of Parliament;
  - (l) the Treasurer of the Saskatchewan Young New Democrats;
  - (m) three members of the Cultural Diversity Committee.
- 6.2 The Provincial Council shall be the governing body of the Party between Provincial Conventions.
- 6.3 The Provincial Council shall meet at least twice-yearly to review the activities of the Executive and to give direction to the Executive in accordance with the policies and program of the Party as adopted by the Provincial Convention.
- 6.4 The Provincial Council may approve an Advisory Committee of three of its members to work in conjunction with the executive of the Saskatchewan Young New Democrats.
- 6.5 Special meetings of the Provincial Council may be called by the Provincial Executive.
- 6.6 The President shall call a special meeting of the Provincial Council on the request in writing of one-third of the members of the Provincial Council.
- 6.7 A Member of Parliament or a Member of the Legislative Assembly shall not be a member of the Provincial Council except as provided under Articles 6.1 (c), (d), (j), and (k). A member of the Provincial Council elected as a Member of Parliament or as a Member of the Legislature during their term may complete their Council term.
- 6.8 The term of office for any member of the Provincial Council shall cease when such a member ceases to be a resident of Saskatchewan except if such a member has been elected as a Member of Parliament.
- 6.9 The quorum for the Provincial Council shall be one-third of its members.

## **ARTICLE 7**

### **PROVINCIAL CONSTITUENCY ASSOCIATIONS**

- 7.1 Every provincial electoral district in Saskatchewan shall have a Provincial Constituency Association.
- 7.2 All individual members of the Party in good standing who reside within the boundaries of a provincial electoral district shall be members in good standing of that Provincial Constituency Association except as provided under Article 2.5 of this Constitution.
- 7.3 Only members in good standing of the Provincial Constituency Association, as set out in Article 7.2, may serve as Executive Officers of that Association or represent the Association at the Provincial Convention or meetings of the Provincial Council.
- 7.4 All Provincial Constituency Associations shall be deemed to have adopted and shall abide by the by-laws which are appended as Appendix A of this Constitution. These by-laws may be amended by the Executive of a Provincial Constituency Association to reflect local conditions or traditional practice at any time prior to the 1989 Provincial Convention of the Party provided such amendments are approved by the Provincial Executive and ratified by the next Annual Meeting of the Constituency Association. Following the 1989 Provincial Convention of the Party, these by-laws can only be amended by the Annual Meeting of the Provincial Constituency Association. All such amendments are subject to approval of the Provincial Executive.
- 7.5 All constituency by-laws shall include the following:
  - (a) At least fourteen days written or, at a member's election, notice of the date and location of the Annual or Nominating Meeting shall be provided to all members of the Association. Rules 6 (c), (d), and (e) of the By-laws shall be clearly stated in any Meeting Notice. The Provincial Executive shall have the authority to shorten the two week notice upon application from the Constituency Executive;
  - (b) New memberships may be accepted at any time up to a time designated by the Executive Officers which shall not be more than fourteen days before, and not less than seven days before the Annual Meeting.
- 7.6 Should a Provincial Constituency Association Executive fail to call an Annual Meeting or a Nominating Meeting, or should no Executive exist within a constituency, the Provincial Executive shall call such meetings.
- 7.7 Constituency Nominating Conventions may be called by the Constituency Executive only with the approval of the Provincial Executive.

## **ARTICLE 8 FEDERAL CONSTITUENCY ASSOCIATIONS**

- 8.1 Every federal electoral district in Saskatchewan shall have a Federal Constituency Association.
- 8.2 All individual members of the Party in good standing who reside within the boundaries of a federal electoral district shall be members in good standing of that Federal Constituency Association.
- 8.3 Only members in good standing of the Federal Constituency Association, as set out in Article 8.2, may serve as Executive Officers of that Association or represent that association at Federal Conventions.
- 8.4 All Federal Constituency Associations shall be deemed to have adopted and shall abide by the by-laws which are appended as Appendix A of this Constitution. These by-laws may be amended by the Executive of a Federal Constituency Association to reflect local conditions or traditional practice at any time prior to the 1989 Provincial Convention of the Party provided such amendments are approved by the Provincial Executive and ratified by the next Annual Meeting of the Constituency Association. Following the 1989 Provincial Convention of the Party, these by-laws can only be amended by the Annual Meeting of the Federal Constituency Association. All such amendments are subject to the approval of the Provincial Executive.
- 8.5 All constituency by-laws shall include the following:
- (a) At least fourteen days written notice of the date and location of the Annual or Nominating Meeting shall be provided to all members of the Association. Rules 6 (c), (d), and (e) of the By-laws shall be clearly stated in any Meeting Notice. The Provincial Executive shall have the authority to waive the two week notice upon application from the Constituency Executive;
  - (b) New memberships may be accepted at any time up to a time designated by the Executive Officers which shall not be more than fourteen days before, and not less than seven days before the Annual Meeting.
- 8.6 Should a Federal Constituency Association Executive fail to call an Annual Meeting or a Nominating Meeting or should no Executive exist within a constituency, the Provincial Executive may call such meetings. Constituency Nominating Conventions may be called by the Constituency Executive, with the approval of the Provincial Executive.

## **ARTICLE 9 REGIONAL OR METRO ORGANIZATIONS**

- 9.1 The executives of any two or more Provincial or Federal Constituency Associations which

- are adjacent to each other may set up a regional or metro organization which shall be composed of representatives of each constituency association participating appointed by their executives.
- 9.2 The object and purpose of such regional or metro organizations shall be to co-ordinate the efforts of the constituencies involved to make education, publicity and election campaigns more effective, or plan any other activities it deems worthwhile.
- 9.3 The constituency associations involved may delegate to the organization such powers as deemed advisable.
- 9.4 A regional or metro organization shall elect a president, a vice-president, a secretary and a treasurer and may appoint such committees as it deems necessary.
- 9.5 A metro or regional organization shall enact by-laws which shall not be inconsistent with this Constitution nor with the by-laws of any of the constituency associations which it may represent. Such by-laws shall be subject to approval by the Provincial Executive.

## **ARTICLE 10 CANDIDATES**

- 10.1 Any individual member may place the name of a prospective federal or provincial candidate in nomination prior to the Nomination Convention of a Constituency Association by forwarding the name, in writing, with the written consent of the nominee, to the Constituency Secretary.
- 10.2 The Constituency Secretary shall prepare a list of all names placed in nomination prior to the mailing of the Convention Call, and notify, or arrange to notify all individual members of such names.
- 10.3 No person shall be eligible to seek or accept nomination unless:
- (a) they are a member in good standing of the Party; and
  - (b) they are eligible to be a candidate as defined by the Saskatchewan Elections Act or the Canada Elections Act as the case may be.
  - (c) they have submitted to Provincial Office the following:
    - (i) a completed Candidate Screening Questionnaire, in the form set out by the Provincial Executive; and,
    - (ii) a criminal records check from the relevant police force; and,
    - (iii) the nominal administration fee specified by the Provincial Executive; and,
    - (iv) any other documents deemed necessary by the Provincial Executive.
  - (d) they have been approved as a candidate by the Provincial Executive, after a review of the documents specified in 10.3(c) and any other information it deems relevant, such review to be completed within 14 days.

- 10.4 Rules 6 (b), (c), (d) and (e) of Appendix A attached hereto shall also apply to Nominating Conventions.
- 10.5 No candidate nor any Constituency Association shall change either the provincial or federal program of the Party.
- 10.6 On request of the executive of a constituency association, the Provincial Executive may authorize a Nominating Convention at more than one site.

## **ARTICLE 11 CLUBS AND LOCAL ORGANIZATIONS**

- 11.1 The executive of any Provincial or Federal Constituency Association may set up, within their boundaries, local clubs or organizations.
- 11.2 Such clubs or organizations shall be founded for social, political or educational purposes or to further the work of the Saskatchewan Young New Democrats, the Saskatchewan New Democratic Women, or the Indigenous People's Section.
- 11.3 Such clubs or organizations may elect officers, hold meetings and raise the funds necessary to carry on their activities, providing that for the purpose of election campaigns such clubs or organizations shall act through their constituency associations.
- 11.4 Each club or organization formed pursuant to Article 11.1 shall draft by-laws not inconsistent with this Constitution nor with the by-laws of the Constituency Association. Such by-laws shall be approved by the Constituency Executive and filed with the Provincial Executive.
- 11.5 Each club or organization formed pursuant to Article 11.1 shall submit an annual report of its activities and a financial statement to the Constituency Association Annual Meeting.

## **ARTICLE 12 LEGISLATIVE ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

- 12.1 A legislative advisory committee composed of five members elected by and from the provincial council representative of the diverse membership of the Party, a member elected by and from the provincial executive and a member of the MLA's elected from their number, shall from time to time assist the NDP Caucus in preparing legislation in conformity with NDP policies.
- 12.2 This advisory committee shall choose a secretary and a chair.

- 12.3 This committee will work throughout the year to provide for discussion and background information on a particular aspect or aspects of policy that they will determine at the beginning of the year.
- 12.4 This committee will ensure that all proposed changes to the policy manual be properly formatted and organized for presentation to convention either as changes to the policy manual or as resolutions.
- 12.5 This committee will meet with the full caucus twice per-year to discuss the implementation of party policy, and this committee will report back to the provincial council as to the outcome of those meetings. These meetings will be a joint meeting of the Legislative Advisory Committee, the Legislative Caucus of the Party and the Provincial Executive which shall be called by the Leader. The Chairs of each of these bodies shall be jointly responsible for preparing the agenda for this meeting.
- 12.6 This committee will release a final report with the results of the policy deliberations and debates and present this report to the caucus and then to the annual convention.

### **ARTICLE 13**

#### **SASKATCHEWAN YOUNG NEW DEMOCRATS**

- 13.1 The Saskatchewan Young New Democrats shall be autonomous with respect to its program and constitution provided that there is no conflict with the program and constitution of the Party.
- 13.2 The constitution of the Saskatchewan Young New Democrats and any amendments thereto shall be submitted to the Provincial Executive, which shall approve these said amendments provided that there is no conflict with the program and Constitution of the Party.
- 13.3 The Saskatchewan Young New Democrats shall present an audited financial report to the Provincial Executive, Provincial Council and Provincial Convention annually.

### **ARTICLE 14**

#### **SASKATCHEWAN NEW DEMOCRATIC WOMEN**

- 14.1 There shall be established a special women's committee of the Party called the Saskatchewan New Democratic Women (SNDW), whose purpose shall be to study and take action on matters of special concern to women and to involve women at all levels of political activity in the province.
- 14.2 The Executive of the SNDW shall consist of no less than eleven women who shall be elected by and from women members of the Party at a meeting held at the same time and place as each Provincial Convention.

- 14.3 The SNDW shall draft by-laws not inconsistent with this Constitution. Such by-laws and any amendments thereto shall be submitted to the Provincial Executive, which shall approve same provided there is no conflicts with the program and Constitution of the Party.
- 14.4 The SNDW shall present an audited financial report to the Provincial Executive and Provincial Council annually.

## **ARTICLE 15 INDIGENOUS NEW DEMOCRATS OF SASKATCHEWAN**

- 15.1 There shall be established an indigenous people's committee called the Indigenous New Democrats of Saskatchewan, whose purpose shall be to study and take action on issues of special concern to indigenous people's in Saskatchewan.
- 15.2 The Executive of the Indigenous New Democrats of Saskatchewan shall consist of no less than eleven and no more than fifteen indigenous people who shall be elected by and from indigenous members of the Party at a meeting held at the same time and place as each provincial convention.
- 15.3 The Indigenous New Democrats of Saskatchewan shall draft by-laws not inconsistent with this Constitution. Such by-laws and any amendments thereto shall be submitted to the Provincial Executive, which shall approve same provided there is no conflict with the program and Constitution of the Party.
- 15.4 The Indigenous New Democrats of Saskatchewan shall present an audited financial statement to the Provincial Executive, Provincial Council and Provincial Convention annually.

## **ARTICLE 16 RAINBOW PRIDE COMMITTEE OF SASKATCHEWAN**

- 16.1 There shall be established a committee of gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgendered and two-spirited members of the New Democratic Party of Saskatchewan as well as members who are allies, called the Rainbow Pride Committee, whose purpose shall be to conduct outreach to individuals and organizations within the LGBT2 community, propose solutions to issues of concern to the community, and promote the involvement of LGBT2 people in political activity, both within the party and throughout the province.
- 16.2 The Rainbow Pride Committee will elect officers and hold meetings in a manner consistent with this constitution.
- 16.3 The Rainbow Pride Committee shall draft bylaws not inconsistent with this constitution. Such bylaws and any amendments thereto shall be submitted to the Provincial Executive,



which shall approve same provided that there is no conflict with the program and Constitution of the party.

- 16.4 The Rainbow Pride Committee shall present an audited financial statement to the Provincial Council annually.

## **ARTICLE 17 CULTURAL DIVERSITY COMMITTEE OF SASKATCHEWAN**

- 17.1 There shall be established a committee of visible minority and new Canadian members of the New Democratic Party of Saskatchewan, whose purpose shall be to conduct outreach to individuals and organizations within the visible minority and newcomer communities of our province, propose solutions to issues of concern to those communities, and promote the involvement of racially and culturally diverse people in political activity, both within the party and throughout the province.
- 17.2 The Cultural Diversity Committee will elect officers and hold meetings in a manner consistent with this constitution.
- 17.3 The Cultural Diversity Committee shall draft bylaws not inconsistent with this constitution. Such bylaws and any amendments thereto shall be submitted to the Provincial Executive, which shall approve same provided that there is no conflict with the program and Constitution of the party.
- 17.4 The Cultural Diversity Committee shall present an audited financial statement to the Provincial Council annually.

## **ARTICLE 18 RESTRICTED INVESTMENT FUNDS**

- 18.1 Restricted investment funds may be established and maintained to foster the long-term sustainability of the Party and contribute to the costs of election campaigns. Earnings from these funds may be used as detailed in article 18.4, but the capital amounts may not be expended for any reason.
- 18.2 The funds shall be governed by the Trust Management Committee, elected by and reporting to the Provincial Council.
- 18.3 The Trust Management Committee shall be composed of the Treasurer, three members elected for one-year terms, and four members elected for two-year terms. The Provincial Executive shall appoint one of the members of the Committee to be Chair. No more than three of the members shall be members of the Provincial Executive.
- 18.4 The funds are established as follows:

(a) Co-operative Commonwealth Fund

Source: Directed donations, and bequests received prior to the establishment of the Planned Giving Fund

Authorized expenditures: Political, economic and social research and education

(b) Lifetime Election Fund

Source: Entire proceeds of each purchase of a Lifetime Membership purchase (see article 2.14)

Authorized expenditures: Party's eligible election expenses (as defined by the provincial Election Act) during a general election

(c) Capital Election Fund

Source: Proceeds from the sale of the Crystal Lake property and other land gifted or bequeathed to the Party, prior to the establishment of the Planned Giving Fund

Authorized expenditures: Party's eligible election expenses (as defined by the Saskatchewan Election Act) during a general election

(d) Planned Giving Fund

Source: Unless the donor directs otherwise, not less than 50% of the proceeds of cash and non-cash bequests directed to the Saskatchewan New Democratic Party shall be placed in the Planned Giving Fund. The remainder of the proceeds may be allocated to operational or other funds, as directed by the Provincial Executive.

Authorized expenditures: As directed by the Provincial Executive

## **ARTICLE 19 THE ACCOUNTABILITY OF PARTY MLA'S**

- 19.1 Each Member of the Legislative Assembly shall hold a meeting before each session of the Legislature to hear the opinions and concerns of constituents.
- 19.2 Each Member of the Legislature shall hold a meeting after each session of the Legislature to report to constituents on the general business and major legislation of the previous session.

## **ARTICLE 20 DISCIPLINE**

- 20.1 Each member of the Party has covenanted that they will accept and abide by the Constitution and principles of the Party. Breach of this covenant is a violation of this Constitution and liable to discipline under this article.
- 20.2 A complaint may be lodged with the President by any five members or constituted body of the Party alleging:

- (a) a violation of the Constitution;
  - (b) conduct which would serve to bring the Party, one of its bodies, and/or a member into disrepute; or
  - (c) a membership in the Party has been wrongfully denied or should be denied.
- 20.3 Notwithstanding 21.2, an applicant for membership may lodge a complaint alleging that his/her membership has been wrongfully denied.
- 20.4 Any complaint lodged pursuant to 21.2 or 21.3 must be in writing and signed and set out the details of the action or statement which caused the complaint, evidence which might be pertinent to the complaint and state the remedy sought.
- 20.5 The President shall attempt to achieve an amicable settlement of the complaint. Should the President be personally involved in the complaint, the Provincial Executive shall appoint one of its members to act in the President's place.
- 20.6 If no suitable settlement can be achieved pursuant to 21.5, the matter shall be referred to the Provincial Executive.
- 20.7 If the complaint is referred to the Provincial Executive, the President shall give fourteen days notice to the persons involved, by registered mail, of the time and place of the meeting of the Provincial Executive that will deal with the complaint.
- 20.8 Both the complainant and the person(s) against whom the complaint has been brought shall be entitled to be in attendance to present evidence and argument. The Provincial Executive may dismiss the complaint, reprimand the persons involved, suspend or terminate the membership of the persons against whom the complaint has been lodged, or make any other order it deems fit. The decision of the Provincial Executive shall be made by resolution and conveyed to their persons involved within fourteen days of the decision.
- 20.9 Any person(s) disciplined pursuant to 21.8 or any complainant shall have the right to appeal the decision of the Provincial Executive to the next meeting of the Provincial Council. In presenting such an appeal, all parties shall have the right to present evidence and argument as in 21.8. Any penalty imposed by the Provincial Executive shall stand until that meeting.
- 20.10 Any votes that take place in the Provincial Executive or Provincial Council pursuant to this article shall be conducted by secret ballot and shall require a majority vote of those present and voting to be carried.

## **ARTICLE 21**

### **ANTI-HARASSMENT, HUMAN RIGHTS AND SAFETY POLICY**

- 21.1 Two members of the party shall be designated as “Anti-Harassment Officers”, to intervene in the case of harassment, discrimination or safety issues among members of the party.

- 21.2 The Anti-Harassment Officers will be selected by the executive, and approved by the convention.
- 21.3 The officers will ordinarily be selected yearly prior to convention. In the case of a vacancy between conventions, the executive may select another member, who will be approved by Council.
- 21.4 The officers shall be chosen based on the content of an application to be developed and amended by a committee of the executive, titled the "anti-harassment, human rights, and safety committee." This committee shall consist of no more than 3 members, of which one must be female. If no applications are received, or the applications do not satisfy the diversity requirements in article 21.5, the executive may select members without an application, provided those members agree to serve.
- 21.5 One anti-harassment officer must be female, and one must be male.
- 21.6 The anti-harassment officers selected will be publicly announced and approved at the beginning of each convention. The officers approved will deal with complaints party-wide from the opening of that convention to the opening of the convention in the following year.
- 21.7 The officers may receive complaints of harassment, discrimination or safety issues in person, via mail, and via electronic communication. Complaints of harassment submitted to the executive, president or provincial secretary shall be forwarded to the anti-harassment officers, unless requested otherwise by the complainant.
- 21.8 Harassment shall be defined as:  
Any unwanted physical or verbal behaviour that belittles, demeans, offends, humiliates or dehumanizes a person or a group of people and a reasonable person would be expected to apprehend as having that effect.
- 21.9 Discrimination shall be defined as:  
Any action or a decision by members, a group of members or bodies of the party that treat another person, or group of persons negatively, based on factors including but not limited to those covered under the federal and provincial human rights code as grounds of discrimination
- 21.10 A Safety Issue shall be defined as:  
Any behaviour or conduct by a member, a group of members or bodies of of the party, or by bodies of the party, that makes a person or group of persons feel unsafe and a reasonable person would be expected to apprehend as having that effect.
- 21.11 Anti-harassment officers shall investigate all allegations of harassment, discrimination, or safety issues.

- 21.12 Based on their investigation, the anti-harassment officer shall recommend a range of solutions to the person who made the complaint, and act where possible to resolve the matter at the lowest level with the consent of the complainant.
- 21.13 All complaints of harassment shall be dealt with in a confidential manner between the officers and the parties involved. A breach of confidentiality by one of the anti-harassment officers shall be referred to the executive and may result in the officer being removed from their position.
- 21.14 A record shall be kept by the officers, of all complaints of harassment, discrimination, or safety issues, and the actions that have been taken. If an officer vacates their position they shall pass this record onto the next officer.
- 21.15 The powers and responsibilities of the anti-harassment officers shall include:
- (a) issuing a verbal or written warning to the offending member of the party.
  - (b) recommending a ban from running for election to or a removal from bodies within the party, including the executive, council, and all others specified in articles 5 through 9 and 11 through 18.
  - (c) recommending disapproval of any application for nomination as a candidate of the party, and to remove any nominated candidate of the party.
  - (d) recommending refusal of delegate credentials to conventions of the Saskatchewan New Democrats.
  - (e) recommending that future membership to the party or current memberships be revoked or denied as the case may be.
  - (f) referring criminal conduct, in cases where a reasonable belief that criminal conduct is founded, to the appropriate authorities.

These powers are to be used in a successive manner, at the discretion of the officers and with the views of the complainant considered. The officers shall make effort to resolve the complaint at the lowest level where appropriate, and the officers may engage in alternative dispute resolution with consent of the complainant. Recommendations of the officers shall be approved by the anti-harassment, discrimination and safety committee.

- 21.16 If an anti-harassment officer, or both anti-harassment officers are involved in a complaint of harassment, discrimination or safety issues, or are reasonably perceived as having a bias in the investigation, an investigation shall be conducted and remedies determined by the anti-harassment, human rights, and safety committee.
- 21.17 Decisions made by the anti-harassment officers, or designates pursuant to article 21.16, may be appealed to the anti-harassment, human rights and safety committee. All remedies other than a verbal or written warning must be approved by this committee, and both the complainant and the subject of the complaint shall have a right to be heard by the committee.

- 21.18 Decisions made by the anti-harassment, human rights and safety committee may be appealed. If an appeal is requested, it will be heard by an ad-hoc committee consisting of a member of the executive chosen by the executive as a neutral party, and two members of council, one chosen by the complainant and the other chosen by the subject of the complaint. The appeal decision of the ad-hoc committee shall be final.
- 21.19 All information on harassment, discrimination or safety complaints given to the executive or council members pursuant to articles 21.16, 21.17 and 21.18 shall be kept confidential. Breaches of confidentiality may result in removal from the executive, or any of the actions specified in article 21.15.
- 21.20 All allegations of harassment, discrimination or safety issues shall be taken seriously by those in the party and all complainants shall be treated with respect by those involved.
- 21.21 This policy shall apply to all circumstances that have a real and substantial connection to the New Democratic Party, and all members of the New Democratic Party shall be bound by this policy as a condition of membership.
- 21.22 Harassment, discrimination, and safety issues as described in this policy are prohibited behaviour and may lead to the consequences described in this policy.
- 21.22 An explanation of this policy, and introduction of the officers, shall be issued at the beginning of every convention, council, meeting of the executive, and all general meetings of the groups listed in articles 5 through 9, and 11 through 18.

## **ARTICLE 22 FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITY AND PUBLIC LIABILITY**

- 22.1 The Party and its Officers shall not be responsible for any debt incurred by any Constituency Association, Candidate or any body constituted pursuant to this Constitution.
- 22.2 The Party and its Officers shall not assume any public liability for any Constituency, Candidate or any body constituted pursuant to this Constitution.

## **ARTICLE 23 FINANCIAL YEAR**

- 23.1 The financial year of the Party shall end on December 31st of each year.

## **ARTICLE 24 AMENDMENTS**

- 24.1 Amendments to this Constitution may be made at any Provincial Convention by two-thirds of the delegates present and voting.

24.2 Any such amendments shall take effect at the adjournment of the Provincial Convention at which it is so passed.

## **APPENDIX A**

### **CONSTITUENCY ASSOCIATION BY-LAWS**

#### **1. MEMBERSHIP**

Membership in the Constituency Association shall be defined by Article 7.2 or 8.2 of the Constitution of the Saskatchewan New Democratic Party.

#### **2. PROVINCIAL AND FEDERAL CONSTITUENCY ASSOCIATIONS**

These by-laws shall apply equally to Provincial and Federal Constituency Associations as provided in Articles 7 and 8 of the Constitution of the Saskatchewan New Democratic Party.

#### **3. PURPOSE**

- (a) The purpose of a Provincial Constituency Association shall be to further the goals and objectives of the Saskatchewan New Democratic Party. The Association may establish such committees and organizational structures as it sees fit to further the educational, social and political goals of the Association except that, in the case of such organizations that are entitled to delegate status at the Provincial Conventions of the Party, only one such organization can be established in any constituency.
- (b) The purpose of a Federal Constituency Association shall be to further the goals and objectives of the New Democratic Party of Canada, as well as co-ordinate the Provincial Constituency Associations located in whole or in part within the Federal Constituency for the purpose of conducting federal election campaigns.

#### **4. CONSTITUENCY ASSOCIATION EXECUTIVE**

- (a) Each Constituency Association shall have an Executive consisting of not less than 7 members of the Association. Members of the Executive shall be members in good standing and reside within the boundaries of the Constituency Association except as provided under Article 2.5 of the Constitution of the Saskatchewan New Democratic Party. In the case of Federal Constituency Associations, the Executive shall also consist of each President, or designate from each Provincial Constituency Association that is either in whole or in part within the boundaries of the Federal Constituency. Such Executive members must live within the boundaries of the Federal Constituency.
- (b) Where there are chartered youth clubs within a Provincial or Federal Constituency, each club shall appoint, from their club, one of their members to the respective Executives.
- (c) The Executive shall be constituted at each Annual Meeting of the Constituency Association.
- (d) The Executive shall manage the business and affairs of the Constituency Association. The powers of the Executive may be exercised by a meeting at which a quorum is present.
- (e) The Executive shall designate three Executive Officers as signing officers of the



- Constituency Association, any two of whom may sign.
- (f) At all meetings of the Executive, every question shall be decided by a majority of the votes of the Executive members present and, in case of a tie, the chair of the meeting shall be entitled to cast the deciding vote.
  - (g) A quorum of all meetings of the Executive shall be either (i) 25% of all Executive members, or (ii) not less than 5 members provided at least 3 of such members are Executive Officers.
  - (h) Meetings of the Executive may be called by either the President, any 2 Executive Officers, or by any 5 members of the Executive.
  - (i) Unless all Executive members waive the requirement or there is an emergency that requires immediate attention, at least 48 hours advance notice of all Executive meetings shall be provided to all Executive members, with such notice to include reasonable details of the nature of the business to be transacted at the meeting.
  - (j) All meetings of the Executive shall be open to any member of the Constituency Association.
  - (k) Minutes of all meetings of the Executive shall be kept and open to inspection by any member of the Constituency Association upon request.

## **5. EXECUTIVE OFFICERS**

- (a) Executive Officers shall be elected by and from the Executive at the Annual Meeting of the Constituency Association, or elected at the first meeting of the Executive subsequent to the Annual Meeting.
- (b) The Executive Officers shall be:
  - (i) The President, who, subject to other direction by the Executive, shall have general responsibility for supervising the business and affairs of the Constituency Association. In addition, the President shall preside at the Annual Meeting, as well as at all meetings of the Executive and the Executive Officers, and shall be ex officio a member of all committees of the Executive and Executive Officers.
  - (ii) At least one Vice-President, who, subject to other direction by the Executive, shall act in the absence or inability or refusal of the President to carry out his or her duties.
  - (iii) The Secretary, who, subject to other direction by the Executive, shall:
    - (a) keep records of the Constituency Association, including records of all meetings of the Constituency Association, the Executive and Executive Officers;
    - (b) provide or arrange for notice to all Constituency members, Executive members and Executive Officers as the case may require from time to time; and
    - (c) keep a membership roll of all members of the Constituency Association.
  - (iv) The Treasurer, who, subject to other direction by the Executive, shall be responsible to oversee the finances of the Constituency Association; to keep proper accounting records; to make financial reports as may be required

from time to time; and to arrange for the auditing of the Constituency Association's financial records as required.

- (v) The Provincial Councillors elected pursuant to Section 6(f)(viii) of these by-laws (Provincial Constituency Associations only).
  - (vi) The MLA, MP or nominated candidate as the case may be.
  - and
  - (vii) Such other Officers as the Executive may deem appropriate, as long as the minimum requirements of Section 4(a) of these by-laws are met.
- (c) The Executive Officers of the Association shall uphold the rights of all members as outlined in Article 2.6 of the Constitution of the Saskatchewan New Democratic Party.
  - (d) Subject to any specific directions from time to time by the Executive, the Executive Officers shall manage the day to day business of the Constituency Association.
  - (e) The Executive Officers of the Association shall ensure that the Constituency Association is represented at all meetings of the Provincial Council and Provincial Convention and that full reports of the proceedings of these bodies are received by the Executive.
  - (f) The Executive shall fix the date and location of the Annual Meeting of the Association and, with approval of the Provincial Executive, shall fix the date and location of a Nominating Convention when required.
  - (g) The Executive shall appoint a Nomination Rules Committee that shall prepare a set of rules, which may include:
    - (i) Nominees holding elected positions;
    - (ii) Registration procedures;
    - (iii) Balloting rules;
    - (iv) Any other items.These rules shall be subject to the approval of the Executive of the Constituency Association.
  - (h) At meetings of the Executive Officers, every question shall be decided by a majority of the votes of the Executive Officers present and, in case of a tie, the chair of the meeting shall be entitled to cast the deciding vote.
  - (i) The quorum for all meetings of the Executive Officers shall be a majority of the Officers.
  - (j) The date, time and location of meetings of the Executive Officers may be determined by either the President or by any other 2 Executive Officers.
  - (k) Unless all Executive Officers waive the requirement or there is an emergency that requires immediate attention, at least 24 hours advance notice of all Executive Officer meetings shall be provided to all Executive Officers, with such notice to include reasonable details of the nature of the business to be transacted at the meeting.

## **6. ANNUAL MEETING**

- (a) Each Constituency Association shall hold an Annual Meeting on a date and at a location selected by the Executive Officers.

- (b) As provided in the Constitution of the Saskatchewan New Democratic Party, at least fourteen days written or, at a member's election, notice of the date and location of the Annual Meeting shall be provided to all members of the Association. By-laws 6(c), (d) and (e) herein shall be clearly stated in any Annual Meeting notice.
- (c) Each member of the Constituency Association and each member of the Saskatchewan Young New Democrats residing within the constituency, and whose membership is in good standing, shall be eligible to attend and vote at the Annual Meeting.
- (d) Memberships may be renewed at any time up to the end of the time set aside for registration and memberships so renewed will be deemed to be in good standing.
- (e) As provided in of the Constitution of the Saskatchewan New Democratic Party, new memberships may be accepted at any time up to a time designated by the Executive Officers which shall not be more than fourteen days before, and not less than seven days before the Annual Meeting.
- (f) The business of the Annual Meeting shall be:
  - (i) To receive and pass upon the report of the President;
  - (ii) To receive and pass upon the report of the Treasurer, including the auditor's report required pursuant to these by-laws;
  - (iii) To receive and pass upon the reports of the Provincial Council delegates;
  - (iv) To receive and pass upon the report of the MLA, MP or nominated candidates as the case may be;
  - (v) To review and propose amendments to the program and Constitution of the Party for presentation to the next Provincial Convention or the Federal Convention, as the case may be;
  - (vi) To elect delegates to the Provincial Convention or Federal Convention, as the case may be;
  - (vii) To elect the Executive Officers of the Constituency Association as per section 5(a) of these by-laws, or alternatively decide to defer the election of such Officers to the first meeting of the Executive following the Annual Meeting;
  - (viii) To elect two members of the Association, one male and one female, to the Provincial Council of the Party, who shall be elected for two-year terms in such a way that one councillor is elected every year. The term for a councillor shall begin immediately following the next Provincial Convention;
  - (ix) To elect two members, one male and one female, who shall be alternate delegates to the Provincial Council;
  - (x) To elect one female to act as liaison with the Saskatchewan New Democratic Women, one person to act as liaison with the Saskatchewan Young New Democrats, and one person to act as liaison with the Indigenous New Democrats of Saskatchewan;
  - (xi) To receive and pass upon reports from such clubs or organizations as may

- be organized in the constituency;
  - (xii) To appoint the auditor for the Constituency Association; and
  - (xiii) To plan activities to further the political, educational and social goals of the Association.
- (g) Due regard shall be paid to gender parity and the importance of involving indigenous people in the election of Officers.

**7. FINANCIAL RECORD**

- (a) The financial records of the Constituency Association shall be kept by the Treasurer.
- (b) The financial records of the Constituency Association shall be audited annually and after each election campaign and a copy of the auditor's report shall be filed with the Chief Executive Officer of the Party.
- (c) The financial year shall end on December 31st of each year.

**8. LIMITATION OF LIABILITY**

Every Executive member and Executive Officer, in exercising their powers and discharging their duties, shall act honestly and in good faith with a view to the best interests of the Constituency Association and the Saskatchewan New Democratic Party, or in the case of Federal Executive members and Officers the New Democratic Party of Canada, and exercise the care, diligence and skill that a reasonably prudent person would exercise in comparable circumstances. Subject to the foregoing, no Executive member or Executive Officer shall be liable for the acts, receipts, neglects or defaults of any other Executive member or Executive Officer; or for any loss occasioned by any error of judgment or oversight on their part; or for any other loss, damage or misfortune whatever which shall happen in the execution of the duties of their office or in relation thereto.

**9. INDEMNITY**

The Constituency Association shall indemnify an Executive member or Executive Officer, a former Executive member or Executive Officer, against all costs, charges and expenses, including any amount paid to settle an action or satisfy a judgment, reasonably incurred by them in respect of any civil, criminal or administrative action or proceeding to which they are made a party by reason of being or having been an Executive member or Executive Officer of the Constituency Association, if:

- (a) they acted honestly and in good faith with a view to the best interests of the Constituency Association and the Saskatchewan New Democratic Party, or in the case of Federal Executive members and Officers the New Democratic Party of Canada; and
- (b) in the case of a criminal or administrative action or proceeding that is enforced by a monetary penalty, they had reasonable grounds for believing that their conduct was lawful.

**10. INSURANCE**

The Constituency Association may purchase and maintain insurance for the benefit of any person referred to in section 9 against such liabilities and in such amounts as the Constituency Association may from time to time determine are appropriate.

**11. AMENDMENTS**

These by-laws may be amended by the Annual Meeting of the Constituency Association by two-thirds of the members present and voting, but shall be subject to the approval of the Provincial Executive before becoming binding and enforceable.

## **APPENDIX B DEFINITIONS**

1. Members of the Legislature (MLA) means a member of the Party who has been nominated by a Provincial Constituency Association, elected as a member of the Legislative Assembly of Saskatchewan and is a member in good standing of the Party as provided in Article 2 of this Constitution.
2. Member of Parliament (MP) means a member of the Party who has been nominated by a Federal Constituency Association, elected as a member of the House of Commons and is a member in good standing of the Party as provided in Article 2 of this Constitution.
3. Program of the Party means those resolutions passed by the Provincial Council, Provincial Convention, Federal Council or Federal Convention which becomes the basis for public policy.
4. Immediate family in Article 2.5 means the spouse and dependent children of the MLA or candidate.
5. Provincial Office of the Party means the central office of the Party maintained under the supervision of the Chief Executive Officer.
6. Participation of Women Federal Council Member means that person elected to fulfill the requirements of Article VIII, Section 1 (e) of the Constitution of the New Democratic Party of Canada.
7. Youth Federal Council Member means that person elected to fulfill the requirements of Article VIII, Section 1 (g) of the Constitution of the New Democratic Party of Canada.
8. Regional body means those bodies composed of organizations affiliated to the Party but not itself eligible for affiliation such as union councils or labour councils.
9. Provincial body means the Saskatchewan Federation of Labour or any other provincial body that is composed of organizations affiliated to the Party but not itself eligible for affiliation.
10. The Chief Executive Officer of the Party means that person who is the chief administrative officer and fulfills the function previously ascribed to the "Provincial Secretary".